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1. REPEATING REFTEL (A) TO MOSCOW IN REPLY TO QUESTION
RAISED REFTEL (B).

2. FRENCH CONCERN ABOUT SOVIET DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE IN
COMOROS AT THIS STAGE LINKED TO DELICATE AND INCOMPLETE
NATURE OF INDEPENDENCE PROCESS. GOF STILL HOPES THAT
ARRANGEMENT CAN BE MADE THAT WILL PERSUADE PEOPLE OF
MAYOTTE ISLAND TO OPT FOR MEMBERSHIP IN INDEPENDENT
COMOROS FEDERATION RATHER THAN REMAIN FRENCH. SOVIET
PRESENCE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO POLARIZATION OF SITUATION
WITH FRANCE TAKING HEAT IN OAU IN THE EVENT COMOROS
REMAIN DIVIDED PERMANENTLY. ANALYSIS HERE IS THAT
SOVIETS WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO STIR UP EXTREM-
ISM ON THIS ISSUE.

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